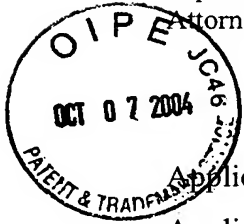


Application No. 10/648,882
In Reply to USPTO Correspondence of June 3, 2004
Paper Dated October 4, 2004
Attorney Docket No. 388-031637



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/648,882 Customer No.: 28289
Applicants : Hiroyuki Bekki et al.
Filed : August 27, 2003
Title : **FLEXIBLE PIPE JOINT**
Art Unit : 3752
Confirmation No. : 4883
Examiner : James F. Hook

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2004, please find enclosed herewith a Petition for Extension of Time, extending the time in which to file a response by one month, from September 3, 2004 until October 3, 2004. October 3, 2004 is a Sunday, making the response due on Monday, October 4, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper;

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet and an annotated copy of the replacement sheet showing changes;

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450 on October 4 2004.

Patricia S. Cunningham
(Name of Person Mailing Papers)

Signature

10-04-04
Date

{W0145729.1}